

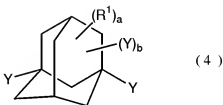
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. – 11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) A curable polycyclic compound represented by the following formula (4):



wherein  $R^1$  is an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a perfluoroalkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or a fluorine atom;  $a$  is an integer of 0 to 2;  $b$  is an integer of 0 to 2; and  $Y$  is a group represented by the following formula (3.1):



13. (Previously Presented) A curable polycyclic compound according to Claim 12, wherein, in the formula (4),  $a$  is 0 (zero).

14. (Previously Presented) A curable polycyclic compound according to Claim 12, wherein the content of the halogen molecule or halogen ion contained as an impurity is 100 to 2,000 ppm.

15. (Previously Presented) A curable polycyclic compound represented by the general formula (7.1):



1 to 3}.

curable polycyclic compound set forth in Claim 12 and a curing agent.

curable composition set forth in Claim 16.

set forth in Claim 17.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated November 12, 2009 has been received and reviewed. This response is directed to that action.

Claims 19-20 have been cancelled herein. No new matter has been added.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

#### **Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Examiner rejected claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Ishii et al. (US 6,235,851), Dearborn DN 48:13253 (1953) abstract, and Ciba DN 57:75868 (1962) abstract. In the interests of advancing prosecution, the applicants have cancelled claims 19-20 herein, thus obviating this rejection.

The Examiner has indicated allowance of claims 12-18, for which the applicants express their thanks. In view of the cancellation of claims 19-20, the claims are now in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, the applicants hereby reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of cancelled claims 19-20 in a divisional or continuation application without prejudice.

If any issues remain, the resolution of which can be advanced through a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

### **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant